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## SPOTLIGHTING

### The Reserve Directors

Although CDR WACKER was born in Brooklyn, New York, his family early moved to New Jersey, and it was there that he grew up, attending public schools in Laurel Springs and Haddon Heights.

He first enlisted in the Coast Guard in July 1935, and from then until his discharge in 1938 he served aboard various ships in the Jacksonville Division. Following discharge he worked for Ford Motor Company, at the Alexandria, Virginia, branch for the next three years.

On 19 May 1941, CDR WACKER re-enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve, and was assigned to the Fifth Coast Guard District Office until November 1942, when he was transferred to the Academy for officer training. Following graduation he reported to USCGC SPENCER, and served aboard until transferred to Coast Guard Headquarters in 1945. He remained at Headquarters until released to inactive duty in July 1946.

In September 1948, he was recalled to active duty and assigned to the Reserve Division until August 1951. From then until March 1953, he served aboard USCGC MACKINAC as Operations Officer and USCGC HALF MOON as Executive Officer. He was then transferred back to Headquarters, where he has since served in the Reserve Division, as Chief, Records Section.



CDR John F. H. Wacker, USCGR  
Fifth District

CDR WACKER reports this month to the Fifth Coast Guard District, where he relieves CDR CARDWELL as Director of the Reserve.

### 1960 Defense Resources Conferences Announced

National Defense Resources Conferences for fiscal year 1960 will be held in the following cities, on the dates indicated.

Butte, Mont.	5 Oct. (1959)
Manchester, N.H.	19 Oct.
Dallas, Tex.	2 Nov.
Eugene, Oreg.	9 Nov.

### "Tombstone Promotions" To End 1 November '59

On 11 August, the President signed Public Law 86-155, repealing the sections of Title 10 U. S. Code which authorize advancement in grade on retirement of officers holding special commendations. This repeal becomes effective 1 November 1959.

In order to insure adequate time for processing, eligible officers who desire to retire effective 1 November or earlier should submit requests as soon as possible, as prescribed in Reserve Instruction No. 6-59 and other current directives.

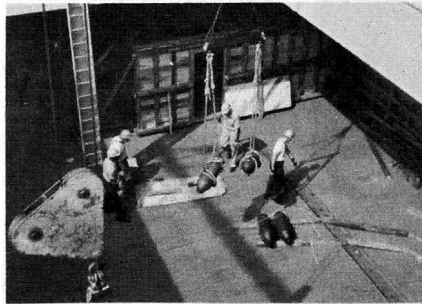
Madison, Wis.	4 Jan. (1960)
Bakersfield, Calif.	18 Jan.
Greenville, S. C.	1 Feb.
Lake Charles, Iowa	15 Feb.
Little Rock, Ark.	29 Feb.
Fargo, N. Dak.	14 March
Decatur, Ill.	28 March
Reno, Nev.	11 April
Lansing, Mich.	2 May
New York, N. Y.	2 May

These Conferences are open to Reserve officers with outstanding records, whose probable future war assignments will be at the policy making level. Selection is limited to officers who have not received this instruction in previous classes.

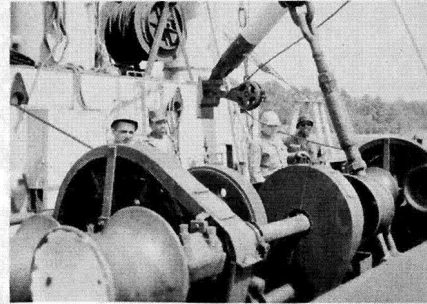
# Dangerous Cargo School Concludes First Classes



Spotting a boom on the winch farm



Preparing to land a draft of 1,000 lb CP Rambo in #4 hold of Landship



Winch instruction aboard the Liberty ship "John Donald"

In conjunction with the Coast Guard's port security mission, the first series of classes in handling dangerous cargo will conclude this month at the Army Transportation Training Command, Fort Eustis, Va. The first of six classes of two weeks each commenced June 1; the last will convene August 10.

Designed for both officers and enlisted men, the school familiarizes the trainees with Federal regulations covering the handling and stowage of dangerous cargo and gives them practical experience in carrying out and enforcing these regulations.

The practical work of the course provides experience in the use of the regulations by preparing preliminary stowage plans from dangerous cargo manifests. Culmination of the practical phase of the training is the actual removal and restowage of dummy dangerous cargo in a hold of the Landship - one of the unique waterfront facilities at Fort Eustis which provides all types of gear used in handling cargo.

The Dangerous Cargo School is commanded by CDR H. W. Carmichael, who is a reserve officer as are all other staff members. Stevedoring instruction is provided by Army personnel at Fort Eustis, and in addition special guest instructors have represented the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Institute of Makers of Explosives, the Bureau of Explosives, the Armed Services Explosives Safety Board, the National Cargo Bureau, Inc., and the Bureau of Mines.

Each class consists of twenty Coast Guard Reservists and five Regulars. In addition, at the personal request of Maj. Gen. Norman H. Vissering, Commanding General of the U. S. Army Transportation Training Command, Fort Eustis, approximately fifteen selected Army Transportation Corps personnel are enrolled in each class.

## Unit News

Attendance - June 1957	
National Average	85.8%
Highest District, 3d .....	89.6%
Highest ORTUPS:	
09-589, Forest Park, Ill. ..	100.0%
01-533, Boston, Mass. ....	99.0%
Highest ORTU, other:	
ORTUR 03-392, New York, N. Y. ....	98.8%

### Commissioned

ORTUPS 05-333, Richmond, Va., 25 June 1959 as a weekly unit. CO - LT Kenneth J. BOEDECKER  
 ORTUAG 14-297, Honolulu, Hawaii, 28 June 1959 as a weekend unit. CO - LCDR John BENSON  
 ORTUPS 03-994, Altoona, Pa., 17 July 1959 as a weekly unit. CO - LCDR George A. RUFF.  
 ORTUAG 13-366, Portland, Oreg., 18 July 1959 as a weekend unit. CO - LCDR Harry M. Scott  
 VTU 3-8 (MMI) New York, N. Y., 7 July 1959. CO - CDR Louis F. HARLOW

### New Units Authorized

ORTUAG: Akron, Ohio USN&MCRTC  
 VTU (MMI) Los Angeles, Calif. USNRTC

### Disestablished

VTU 3-7 (Engineering), New York, N. Y., was disestablished 1 July 1959.

## Officer Correspondence Course Changes Noted

Changes have recently been made in officer correspondence courses as listed in previous issues of the RESERVIST. These changes are as follows.

### New Course -

Shore Facilities, NAVPERS 10743, 6 assignments, 12 points

### Discontinued courses -

10973 Cargo Handling  
 10724 The Law Officer (Replaced by JAG School subcourses. Further information will be published as soon as available.)  
 10718 Military Government  
 10948 Naval Aviators, Course I  
 10949 Naval Aviators, Course II  
 10901 Nucleonics for the Navy (Replaced by 10901-A, Basic Nuclear Physics)  
 10974 Shipbuilding Business  
 10754 Surveys, Drawings and Specifications

Changes in Point Value (NWC Courses listed in March issue) - Logistics I, II,

III	72 points (total)
Strategy and Tactics, Part I	36 "
Strategy and Tactics, Part II	36 "
International Law	54 "
International Relations	54 "



## Individual ACDUTRA Available In October, November and December

In addition to the schools and training opportunities listed elsewhere in this issue and in earlier issues, the following Navy courses are available for individual ACDUTRA for Coast Guard Reservists during the months of October, November and December. Districts authorized to use these courses are listed in Reserve Instruction No. 5-59. Unless otherwise indicated, quotas are to be obtained from the Commandant (PR-3) and reporting instructions not found in Reserve Instruction 5-59 will be furnished with notice that quota has been obtained.

<u>School or Course, and Location</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Convening Dates</u>
Warfare Defense (Ashor Ft. McClellan, Ala. - Basic	Any Officer	12 Oct; 16 Nov
- Practical	Officer who has completed basic course	26 Oct; 30 Nov
Philadelphia, Pa. - Phase I	Any Officer	12 Oct; 9 Nov; 7 Dec
- Phase II	Any Officer	26 Oct; 23 Nov; 21 Dec
Commissary Administration Athens, Ga.	Officers with 92 designators	26 October
Damage Control**		
Philadelphia, Pa. - Phase I	Any Officer	12, 26 Oct; 9, 23 Nov; 7 Dec
- Phase II	Any Officer	12, 26 Oct; 9, 23 Nov; 7, 21 Dec
Disaster Relief**		
School, Port Hueneme, Calif.	Officers with 92 designators	11 Oct; 9 Nov
Harbor Defense Unit*		
CO, U.S. NavRecSta. (NR Processing Unit) Naval Base Norfolk, Va.	Officers with 95 designators	1st and 3d Mon exc. 3d Mon in Dec
CO, U.S. NavRecSta. (NR Processing Unit) Naval Base San Diego, Calif.	same as above	
CO, U.S. Naval Sta (NR Processing Unit) Treasure Island San Francisco, Calif.	same as above	
CO, U.S. Harbor Defense Unit Puget Sound Port Townsend, Wash.	same as above	
Instructor School		
Norfolk, Va.	Officers and enlisted men of instructor caliber	5, 19 Oct; 2, 16 Nov; 7 Dec
Great Lakes, Ill.	same as above	Weekly on Mon, last class 23 Nov
San Diego, Calif.	same as above	5, 19 Oct; 2, 16 Nov; 7 Dec
Navy Exchange Management		
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Officers with 92 designators	19 Oct
Shiploading and Stowage		
Oakland, Calif.	Officers with 92 designators	5 Oct; 2 Nov; 7 Dec
Oakland, Calif.	CPO's and PO1's	5 Oct; 2 Nov; 7 Dec

\*Secret Clearance required

\*\*Confidential Clearance required

## Recent Instructions of Interest to Reservists

Here is a listing of Personnel Instructions issued during 1959 which are of particular interest to reservists, together with all new Reserve Instructions since the last listing in the June RESERVIST:

### Personnel Instructions

- 6-59 Transfer of enlisted men to the Reserve to fulfill service obligation
- 14-59 Qualifications for advancement in certain Exclusive Emergency Service Ratings
- 20-59 Extended active duty tours for reserve officers
- 21-59 Coast Guard Reserve six-months training program for officers (USCGR-RG); information concerning
- 23-59 Personnel Instruction No. 6-59; amendment of
- 29-59 Enlistment of Apprentice Harbor Pilots in the Coast Guard Reserve
- 33-59 Boards to consider reserve officers and certain reserve enlisted personnel for discharge; authority to convene
- 36-59 Active duty for training of reserve personnel in regular Coast Guard operational units
- 39-59 Reserve Program Administrators (RPA's); designation of
- 40-59 Atomic, Biological and Chemical Warfare Pocket Reference Card; issuance of
- 42-59 Reserve Officers on active duty; clarification of status

### Latest Reserve Instructions

- 13-59 Uniform Training Categories and Pay Groups; establishment of
- 14-59 Required Correspondence or NROS Courses for certain direct-commissioned officers; USCGR
- 15-59 Correspondence Courses for Coast Guard Reserve Personnel; officer and enlisted
- 16-59 Benefits for Reservists who suffer disability in line of duty; amends Reserve Instruction No. 24-57
- 17-59 Active Duty for Training Order Forms

## NROS Program Offers Many Opportunities

The Naval Reserve Officer School program, which has been growing by leaps and bounds since its inception in 1953, is strongly recommended to the attention of all reserve officers on inactive duty, and particularly to those receiving Direct Commissions or in the Active Status Pool.

Direct commissioned officers, under the provision of Reserve Instruction No. 15-59, may substitute NROS courses for certain correspondence courses, and as new courses are established further substitution will become possible.

Active Status Pool officers who cannot devote the necessary time to membership in an organized reserve unit, may earn sufficient retirement points for a satisfactory year through NROS courses without meeting the two-week active duty for training requirement for membership in an organized unit.

The locations of all NROS schools are not available at the time we go to press, but inquiry at a Naval Reserve Training Center near you will help you locate the nearest school. Since classes will begin early in September, interested officers are urged to make their inquiries as soon as possible.

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It didn't actually happen on Friday the 13th, but that number 13 somehow got into the picture.

To begin with, CDR John D. Wynn, Jr., Director of Reserve, Eighth Coast Guard District, together with LT(jg) W. T. Rockwell, USCG, SCLC, C. E. Curry, USCG and Denver B. Pentecost, BMC, USCG, recently flew via Coast Guard plane from New Orleans to Port Arthur, Tex. to commission a new Reserve unit. After the new unit had been commissioned, there was a little "good natured grumbling" going on about some minor engine trouble aboard the plane.

Then someone came up with the following figures which may or may not explain the engine trouble. The official number of the plane is--you guessed it--1313. The unit being commissioned is the 13th such unit in the Eighth District. At the commissioning muster, how many enlisted members were present--13.

The 13th man was sworn in at the commissioning ceremony. And sure enough the last two digits of his service number are--13!

LT(jg) Rockwell did a fast re-check on the number of his hotel room, and, sure as you live, it was 1113! Then someone jotted down the commissioning date and added up the digits (5-7-59). This time the answer is 26, just twice 13! And someone else added up the digits in the new unit's official number--08-599--just for kicks. It isn't 13 but the reciprocal of it--31.

## Alert Reservist Nabs Suspect In Recent Car Thefts

William J. Vernon, III, DC3, USCGR, a member of ORTUAG 03-992, Trenton, N. J., was excused from final muster long enough to apprehend a youth as he was attempting to drive away in an automobile that had been left unattended by its owner near the local training center on 19 June 1959. The suspect had succeeded in "shorting" the ignition wires, affixing stolen license plates and was preparing to drive away when collared by Vernon.

ORTUAG 03-992 was at final muster when DC3 Vernon noticed the youth acting suspiciously in the area. Upon receiving permission from his platoon officer, Vernon followed the suspect and caught him "red handed." Local authorities

were summoned who recognized the youth as recently released from the state reformatory where he had served time for a similar offense.

Local police observed that the apprehension of this youth would probably solve the recent wave of auto thefts in this area.

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IN A BUDDY

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